

Pennsylvania Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Domestic Animals

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RULES FOR IMPORTING DOMESTIC ANIMALS INTO PA:

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Domestic animal—an animal maintained in captivity—term also includes germ plasm, embryos and fertile ova of such animals.

NEW Vesicular Stomatitis rule: any hoofed animal being imported into PA from a state in which VS has been diagnosed in the past twelve (12) months, shall be examined by an accredited veterinarian to determine whether they are free from VS, and shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited vet: “all animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from vesicular stomatitis. During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to vesicular stomatitis nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed.”

CATTLE AND BUFFALO (BISON):

- 1.** Imported animals (except for immediate slaughter) must be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be valid for 60 days after the date of issue.
- 2. Testing: Brucellosis Requirements:**
 - a. Test eligible animals shall be those unvaccinated animals over 8 months (269 days) of age and those calfhood vaccinated animals over 14 months (449 days) of age.
 - b. All animals (except steers and spayed heifers) must be negative on an approved Brucellosis test within 30 days of entry into PA, unless they originate from and are members of a Certified Brucellosis-free Herd.
 - c. Special Regulations for Cattle and Buffalo (Bison) imported from **Montana**:
 1. From Brucellosis Certified Free herds: The individual test eligible animals to be imported shall be blood test negative within 30 days of shipment. If whole herd Test was done within 30 days of shipment then no additional Test of individual animals is needed.
 2. From all other Montana herds: Cattle and buffalo (bison) except those imported for feeder slaughter purposes only shall originate from and be members

of, or natural additions to, a herd that has been blood tested and negative within 15 months (449 days) of entry but prior to 120 days of shipment. In addition, the individual test eligible animals to be imported shall be blood test negative within 30 days of shipment.

d. An approved laboratory in Canada or the state of origin shall conduct an official blood test for brucellosis, and the imported test-eligible animals shall be negative to one of the following approved tests:

(1) Buffered Acid Plate Antigen Test (BAPA).

(2) Standard Tube Agglutination Test. The imported animals shall be negative in the 1:50 dilution.

(3) Official Card Test.

(4) For requirements for cattle and buffalo (bison) from a Class A state (Montana), contact the state veterinarian's office (717) 783-9550.

3. Testing: Tuberculosis Requirements:

a. Test eligible animals shall be cattle and buffalo 15 months (450 days) of age and older.

b. Test eligible animals shall be test negative within 60 days of entry.

c. Animals originating from and members of an Accredited TB-free Herd are exempt from testing requirements.

d. New regulations for animals originating from California, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico and California: Modified Advanced Accredited State (MAA) – test within 60 days – (all ages); Modified Accredited State (MA) – whole herd test in the last 12 months; plus additional test of individuals in the last 60 days (all ages). Contact Dr. David Griswold, Dr. Tony LaBarbera or Ron Miller for information requests from the above states.

CATTLE AND BUFFALO FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER:

1. Cattle and buffalo may be imported for immediate slaughter **without** a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection if they are consigned to a slaughter market or recognized slaughter establishment.
2. No testing is required.
3. Those animals imported for slaughter shall be accompanied by a waybill and be slaughtered within ten (10) days after arrival in this Commonwealth, and may not be sold or used for any other purpose.
4. Those animals imported for slaughter may not be co-mingled with any animals other than those also destined for immediate slaughter.

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE AND BUFFALO:

1. Imported animals must be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be valid for 60 days after the date of issue.

2. Brucellosis testing: Test eligible animals shall be those unvaccinated animals over 8 months (269 days) of age and those calfhood vaccinated animals over 14 months (449 days) of age. All animals (except steers and spayed heifers) must be negative on an approved Brucellosis test within 30 days of entry into PA, unless they originate from and are members of a Certified Brucellosis-free Herd; additionally, animals originating from a brucellosis free state may enter without prior brucellosis tests. (Test eligible animals originating from brucellosis Class A, B and C states shall be brucellosis test negative within 60 days of the opening date of the show.)
3. TB testing: Test eligible animals (animals 15 months of age and older) shall be tuberculin test negative within 60 days of the opening date of the show. Animals originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis-free Herd are exempt from testing requirements.
4. Animals imported for **sale** shall meet the same requirements as stated for cattle and buffalo imports.

GOATS:

1. ALL goats regardless of sex and age must be individually identified with official USDA scrapie ID.
2. A CVI is required and must be issued within 60 days of entry.
3. There are no testing requirements for goats.

GOATS FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER:

1. ALL goats regardless of sex and age must be individually identified with official USDA scrapie ID.
2. Goats may be imported for immediate slaughter **without** a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection if they are consigned to a slaughter market or recognized slaughter establishment.
3. No testing is required.

CERVIDS (susceptible species **deer, elk, etc.):**

1. Individual ID is required.
2. A CVI is required and must be issued within 30 days of entry into PA.
3. Testing: Brucellosis:
 - a. Test eligible animals are those sexually intact animals 12 months of age and older.
 - b. If from a brucellosis monitored cervid herd, must be test negative within 90 days.
 - c. If from a brucellosis certified free cervid herd, no test required.
 - d. If from a cervid herd with no status, test negative within 30 days.
4. Testing: Tuberculosis:
 - a. Test eligible animals are animals of any age.

- b. If from a tuberculosis monitored or qualified cervid herd, must be test negative within 90 days.
- c. If from an accredited cervid herd, no test required.
- d. If from a herd with no status, must be negative on two consecutive TB tests conducted at least 90 days apart, with the last test conducted within 90 days prior to importation.

5. CWD Requirement:

- a. Herd of origin must have at least **three** years participation in a state-approved CWD monitoring program if from a state (province) **not** known to have CWD.
- b. Herd of origin must have at least **five** years if from a state or province **known to have** CWD – current list: CO, IL, KS, MT, NE, NM, MN, NY, OK, SD, UT, WI, WV, WY, Saskatchewan and Alberta).

6. Permit Requirement: Importation permit required from BAHDS (717) 783-5309 (Mary Martin). Exception: If an importation permit is received from PGC for a menagerie.

CAMELIDS (llama, alpaca, etc.)

- 1. Individual identification is required (ID must be microchip, tattoo or ear tag. No registration numbers as ID. If babies, must attach a photo (front and side view) to Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- 2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 30 days is required.
- 3. Brucellosis test within 60 days of entry if sexually intact and 12 months of age or older.
- 4. TB test within 90 days if animal is 12 months of age or older.

SWINE – Commercial :

- 1. Group ID is required for commercial *feeder* swine.
- 2. CVI required – must be written by an accredited vet within 60 days of entry into PA and must include group ID for feeder swine, description of animals, and the date shipped. Test results must also be included on the CVI.
- 3. Testing: Brucellosis testing is required for animals 6 months of age and older– Must be Brucellosis test negative within 30 days unless they originate from Validated Brucellosis Free State or a Validated Brucellosis Free Herd.
- 4. Testing: Pseudorabies testing is required for all animals regardless of age – Must be Pseudorabies test negative within 30 days of coming to Pennsylvania and originate from a herd that has had no suspicion of pseudorabies within the last 12 months. Or - if they come from a Pseudorabies Qualified Negative Herd, they are qualified to come in without testing. Breeding herds in a Stage IV or V state are considered to be the equivalent of a Qualified Negative Herd, thus breeding swine may enter from a Stage IV or V state without testing.

SWINE - Transitional and Feral:

1. Individual ID is required (ear tag or tattoo).
2. CVI required – must be written by an accredited vet within 60 days of entry into PA and must include ear tag or tattoo number, description of animals, and the date shipped. Test results must also be included on the CVI.
3. Testing: Brucellosis testing is required for animals 6 months of age and older– Must be Brucellosis test negative within 30 days.
4. Testing: Pseudorabies testing is required for all animals regardless of age – Must be Pseudorabies test negative within 30 days before entry into PA.

SWINE IMPORTED FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER:

1. Group (lot) ID is required for commercial swine. Individual ID is required for transitional and feral swine.
2. Swine may be imported for immediate slaughter (to be slaughtered within 3 days of entry into PA) **without** a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection if they are consigned to a slaughter market or recognized slaughter establishment.
3. No testing is required.

DOGS:

1. All dogs (except show dogs in PA for 30 days or less) must have a CVI, with a statement that there has been no known exposure to rabies within the last 100 days and the dog does not originate from an area under quarantine for rabies.
2. **All** imported dogs three months of age and older need proof of a current rabies vaccination on the CVI.

CATS:

All imported cats three months of age and older need proof of a current rabies vaccination.

HORSES, MULES, ASSES AND EQUIDAE:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required for equidae imported into this Commonwealth. This certificate shall be issued within 30 days of entry into PA. The certificate shall specify the date and results of the EIA test, along with the date of administration of the test and the product used for any vaccines administered.
2. All horses must have a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (either the Coggins AGID or ELISA test is acceptable) within one year of coming to

Pennsylvania. *Exception:* Foals (under six (6) months) are exempt if they accompany the test-negative dam.

POULTRY, WATERFOWL, GAMEBIRDS, OTHER BIRDS, AND HATCHING EGGS:

A. AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Poultry will be defined as all domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds, except doves and pigeons, or as otherwise defined, under subpart A of the current version of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and Auxiliary Provisions, and shall be 3 weeks of age or older.
2. Poultry (and their hatching eggs) shall only be allowed into the Commonwealth under any of the following circumstances (any ONE option can be used to meet the AI requirement):
3. The poultry originate from a flock that participates in the current version of the **National Poultry Improvement Plan “U.S. Avian Influenza Clean”** program and the shipment is accompanied by a USDA form 9-3 or other approved NPIP form; **or**
4. The poultry originate from a flock that participates (in good standing) in a state, foreign nation, or foreign provincial-sponsored **avian influenza monitoring program** and the shipment is accompanied by a document from the state, nation, or province of origin indicating participation. The following requirements must be met to be in good standing: a) The flock must be tested every thirty (30) days; b) The flock must be tested negative for avian influenza for 3 consecutive months; and c) Poultry must be 3 weeks of age or older to be tested. The date of sample collection with negative test results for avian influenza (serology, virus isolation, or real-time reverse polymerase chain reaction (RRT-PCR)) must be within forty (40) days of entry into Pennsylvania. The shipment must be accompanied by the test report; **or**
5. The poultry originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza (serology, virus isolation, or real-time reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RRT-PCR)). The date of sample collection must be within 30 days of entry into Pennsylvania and the shipment must be accompanied by the test report. If there are less than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds (RRT-PCR, virus isolation, or serology);
6. Additionally: No poultry from any untested or unmonitored flocks shall have been added to the flock within 21 days of movement of birds into Pennsylvania.
7. Additionally: Poultry 3 weeks of age and older, imported into the Commonwealth, shall meet all other import requirements required under Title 7, PA Code.
8. Additionally: All imported gallinaceous birds, water birds, and ratites (and their hatching eggs) must meet all AI testing requirements stated for poultry (includes birds intended for release).
9. If imported for immediate slaughter, there is no AI testing requirement.

B. PULLORUM/TYPHOID TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Imported poultry: Imported poultry must meet one of the following requirements:

- a. Poultry must be from an NPIP Pullorum typhoid Clean flock; **OR**
- b. Poultry must originate from a flock enrolled in an approved state pullorum typhoid clean program; **OR**
- c. Individual birds coming to Pennsylvania must be tested negative for pullorum typhoid within 30 days of entry into PA.
- d. Waterfowl and pigeons are excluded from pullorum-typhoid testing requirements.
- e. Either verification of NPIP or approved state program participation or negative test results must accompany the birds.

C. SHOW BIRD REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Owner endorsed health certificate:** Poultry imported for shows, exhibitions or displays of less than 10 days duration, with immediate return to state of origin, shall be accompanied by a properly completed, *owner endorsed health certificate*. The contents of the owner-endorsed health certificate shall include the following:
 - a. Name and location of the show.
 - b. Name, address and telephone number of the owner.
 - c. Verification of program status or negative test results for AI and pullorum-typhoid as applicable.
 - d. A statement that the imports and their flock of origin are free of evidence of contagious diseases.
 - e. An endorsement signed and dated by the owner that the certificate is a true and accurate statement.
2. **AI testing requirements:** Poultry for show must meet the AI testing requirements as stated in the part A.
3. **Pullorum-typhoid testing requirements:** Poultry for show must meet ONE of the following requirements:
 - a. Poultry must originate from an NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean flock; **OR**
 - b. Individual birds coming to the show must be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within 30 days of the opening day of the show.
 - c. Waterfowl, pigeons, ornamental pheasants, canaries and other pet, wild or semi-wild birds are excluded from pullorum-typhoid testing requirements.
 - d. Verification of NPIP program participation **or** negative test results must accompany the birds.

D. BIRDS FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER: No requirements.

SHEEP:

1. ALL sheep must be individually identified with official USDA scrapie ID.
2. A CVI is required and must be issued within 60 days of entry. The CVI shall include a statement that the flock of origin was inspected and found free from symptoms of infectious or contagious disease, and has had no known exposure to Scrapie.

WILD ANIMALS:

Under new law, all animals held in captivity are domestic. Therefore, they require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (except poultry and reptiles) for importation. Certain wild animals may require a permit from the PA Game Commission. We recommend that anyone importing a wild animal also contact the Game Commission at 717-783-8164.

***NOTE: in general, every domestic animal coming into our state is required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (except poultry and reptiles). An important part of this requirement is proper identification of each animal (when individual ID is required).

Reptiles:

Effective December 3, 2003, the Department suspended enforcement of regulation requiring that reptiles entering Pennsylvania be accompanied by a CVI. Note that the following protections/restrictions remain in place:

- 1) USDA's reptile-related importation and transportation restrictions; and
- 2) PDH's restrictions with respect to turtles; and
- 3) The animal exhibition restrictions of Chapter 25 of the Domestic Animal Law.

BUREAU LICENSES:

<u>If you are engaged in</u>	<u>cost</u>	<u>renewal required:</u>	
➤ transporting livestock or domestic animals...annually	\$50.00	for dealer; \$25.00 for agent	-
➤ dealing, or selling domestic animals.....annually	\$50.00	for dealer; \$25.00 for agent	-
➤ owning/operating a pet store.....annually	\$50.00	for dealer; \$25.00 for agent	-
➤ disposing of domestic animal waste.....annually	\$100.00	per plant	-
➤ garbage feeding to domestic animals.....annually	\$100.00	per business	-
➤ poultry technicians.....annually	\$10.00		-

- meat establishments.....\$25.00 -
every 2 years
- branding..... \$25.00 recording fee, \$5.00 license -
every 5 years
- aquaculture.....\$150.00 propagators, \$50.00 – dealers -
every 5 years –
- taxidermists.....\$100.00 -
annually

Call Mary Bates at 772-2852, ext. 211 for Transporting, Dealers and Haulers, Aquaculture, Pet Stores and Poultry techs.

Call Jeanine Burnett at 772-2852, ext. 210, for other licenses. Call Justin Kohr, ext. 224, for taxidermists.